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Senator Eric D. Coleman  
Joint Committee on the Judiciary  
Legislative Office Building  
Room 2500  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Coleman:

I write to urge the reappointment of Superior Court Judge Linda Pearce Prestley. I have known Judge Prestley in her professional capacity for fifteen years, and I would like to offer a perspective on her that the committee should consider.

I administer a program at the Law School, the Judicial Clerkship Clinic, in which we place students with federal and state trial court judges, and they function as a post-graduate clerk would. Over the years Judge Prestley has been one of the judges most willing to participate in this program, to take a student intern and to provide that student with a highly worthwhile educational experience. She has gone out of her way to insure that students were exposed to a variety of proceedings and to varied aspects of the trial process. She made herself available to discuss these proceedings with the student. In addition, she provided worthwhile feedback on the student's writing.

Unsurprisingly, Judge Prestley has developed a reputation among interns for excellence, fairness, and compassion. She sets high standards for herself and the interns. The students speak of her professionalism and regard her as a mentor. Indeed, she has been willing to assist them in their continuing education and job searches long after their internship ended.

What I have experienced is someone who is willing to go above and beyond normal day-to-day judicial duties. She is always my first choice in placing an intern.



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I have had numerous contacts with Judge Prestley over many years, in addition to our interactions with the Judicial Clerkship Clinic. There is no doubt about her competence, character, and temperament for the judicial position.

Sincerely yours,

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